

# Steering Committee Minutes – August 27, 2019

(Present: Wayne Schwartz, Jimmy Walsh, Mike Reed, Bruce Cargill, Dave Moorman, Dave Marchant, George Cummings, Willie Hubbard, Dave Brown, John McCormack, Mac Butler)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Annual Dinner November 12, 2019
2. Thursday Rounds
3. Tee Assignments
4. Financial Report
5. Member Status Change
6. Member Survey
7. War on the Shore 2019
8. Flowers for Deceased Members

### 1. The Annual Dinner - The Committee discussed the following regarding the annual dinner:

- ***This year's event team***

The event team and responsibilities for each team member were approved and have been posted on the website.

- ***This year's venue***

Willie Hubbard (venue organizer) presented the proposals from both Piankatank River Golf Course (Steamboat Restaurant) and The Mathews Yacht Club. The committee discussed the proposals and selected by unanimous vote the Steamboat Restaurant as our dinner venue this year. The selection was made based primarily on the differences in cost. Both proposals have been posted on the website.

- ***This year's program***

George Cummings presented the program for the dinner. The committee discussed and approved the program. This printed program will be provided to all attendees and has been posted on the website.

- ***Certificates and Trophies to be awarded***

The committee approved this year's achievement awards (trophies and certificates) and eliminated the "voted on" awards from the evening. The consensus of the committee was these additional awards are too subjective and would lengthen the evening unnecessarily.

- ***Raffle***

Dave Brown (raffle organizer) reported they have obtained 10 raffle items with more to come. Everyone will receive a specific number of tickets for attending the dinner. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. Bruce Cargill agreed to locate and provide the ticket drum we used at last year's raffle. Dave received approval to purchase a nice golf-related raffle prize, the cost to be partially covered by the sale of raffle tickets at the door.

- ***Reservations***

Members will be directed to send a check (\$38.00 per person) to Hunt Thompson to make their reservation. No reservation will be taken without an accompanied payment received by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 2. Thursday Rounds

The committee next discussed the issue of there not being enough tee times for all interested players on Thursday rounds. Mike Reed (Thursday Organizer) presented to the committee the multiple issues he

faces when scheduling tee times with the various Thursday courses we play. After lengthy discussion where many options and suggestions were made, it was agreed that the best solution for now is for Mike to try to obtain one additional tee time for Thursday rounds. The committee agreed to revisit this issue.

### **3. Tee Assignments**

Discussion next turned to how players are assigned a tee with the idea of perhaps making a change to be implemented next season. Much discussion followed and multiple suggestions were made for a new method of assigning tees next season. These suggestions included following PGA/USGA recommended **Tee It Forward** methodology (or) allowing players to pick their tee using the course handicap assigned to each tee (or) allowing higher handicap players to play forward if their handicap falls within the top-third of all player's handicaps. The committee agreed the subject needs to be discussed further before any recommended change is implemented. While on the discussion of assigned tees, Mike Reed clarified for the committee Piankatank River GC's recommended policy for assigning players to the GREEN TEES, a policy we presumably are using in the Geezer Guy's group. The policy states that a player may play from the GREEN TEES if and only if he is 70 years of age AND his handicap PLUS his age totals 84 or more.

### **4. Financial Report**

George Cummings shared Hunt Thompson's financial report: 35 active players have paid their dues for a total income of \$700.00. Ten of our active players have not paid their dues for the current season (2018-19). To date we have had 2 expenses: (1) The Memorial Bench \$147.00 and (2) The Memorial Trophy (\$260.00). The committee approved a \$130.00 payment for the upcoming Geezer Gals cookout to cover the cost of the hot dogs and hamburgers. These expenses leave a balance of \$163.00.

### **5. Member Status Change**

Regarding the players who are ACTIVE and have not yet paid this year's dues, it was noted that (with a couple of exceptions) these members have not played a single round this year. It was recommend the committee contact these members and determine their status. The committee agreed to inform these players they will be moved to INACTIVE status if they decide not to pay dues before the close of the season (October 31, 2019). This means they are encouraged to continue to play with the group but they will not be in competition for cash prizes when they play.

### **6. Member Survey**

The committee approved the proposed member survey presented by George Cummings. The survey is intended to solicit feedback on all the changes implemented at the start of this season. This feedback is intended to assist the committee in making decisions regarding which, if any, of these changes need to be modified. The survey will be sent out as soon as possible and posted on the website. It was agreed that a note will be added to the survey stating members may provide anonymous feedback to the committee by using the contact form on the bottom of the home page [www.tankgeezers.com](http://www.tankgeezers.com)

### **7. War on the Shore**

Bruce Cargill will not be riding with Ray Haskins but will be driving directly from Va. Beach. George Cummings will send out an email to participants so the transportation schedule can be updated. Also, it was pointed out that we still have no alternates signed up for WOS. A solicitation will be sent out to the group in the hope of getting a couple of alternates.

### **8. Flowers/Condolences for Deceased Members (member, spouse or child)**

The committee discussed what formal steps we, as a group, should take at the death of a member or someone in his immediate family. It was agreed we should send flowers and condolences whenever we have a member, a spouse or a child pass away.